

Representative Andrew Stoddard proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

CO-RESPONSE

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard

Senate Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Division of Integrated Healthcare to establish a grant program to fund best practice crisis intervention teams.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Division of Integrated Healthcare to establish a grant program to fund best practice crisis intervention teams; and

► requires tracking and reporting of activities and outcomes funded through the grant program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2024:

► to the Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Health Care Services, as a one-time appropriation:

- from the General Fund, One-time, \$2,000,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 ENACTS:

27 [26B-4-102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section **26B-4-102** is enacted to read:

31 **26B-4-102. Best practice crisis intervention team grant program.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Best practice crisis intervention team" means a team created under a best practice
34 crisis intervention team program that:

35 (i) is comprised of law enforcement officers and mental health professionals certified
36 by the division; and

37 (ii) is intended to support an outcome for an individual in crisis that:

38 (A) increases engagement with appropriate community resources and services; and

39 (B) reduces the likelihood of commitment, hospitalization, or incarceration.

40 (b) "Best practice crisis intervention team program" means a community partnership
41 between law enforcement, mental health systems, and advocates to improve mental health and
42 substance use crisis response through best practice crisis intervention teams.

43 (c) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section
44 [26B-1-204](#).

45 (d) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
46 [53-13-103](#).

47 (e) "Local law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section
48 [53-13-101](#).

49 (f) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section
50 [62A-15-102](#).

51 (2) (a) The division shall establish and administer a grant program for local law
52 enforcement agencies to create or expand a best practice crisis intervention program.

53 (b) A law enforcement agency awarded a grant under this section shall use the grant to
54 assist best practice crisis intervention teams to respond to an incident upon request of a mobile
55 crisis outreach team or if a mobile crisis outreach team is not available.

56 (3) A law enforcement agency that submits a proposal for a grant to the division shall

57 include in the proposal:

58 (a) a plan for creating or expanding the law enforcement agency's best practice crisis
59 intervention program;

60 (b) any funding sources in addition to the grant for the proposal;

61 (c) any existing or planned partnerships between the law enforcement agency and
62 another entity to implement the proposal; and

63 (d) other information the division determines necessary to evaluate the proposal.

64 (4) The division:

65 (a) shall establish data tracking and reporting requirements for a local law enforcement
66 agency that receives a grant that includes:

67 (i) activities;

68 (ii) outcomes; and

69 (iii) collaborations; and

70 (b) may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
71 Rulemaking Act, to establish:

72 (i) standards, qualifications, and training requirements for the certification of best
73 practice crisis intervention teams providing services under a best practice intervention program;
74 and

75 (ii) (A) eligibility criteria for a grant;

76 (B) the form and process for submitting a proposal to the division for a grant;

77 (C) the method and formula for determining a grant amount; and

78 (D) reporting requirements for a grant recipient.

79 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

80 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
81 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
82 fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
83 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
84 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

85 ITEM 1

86 To Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Health Care Services

87 From General Fund, One-time 2,000,000

